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Mike Olson
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Dear Mike:

Thank you for sharing with me your letter to Representative Noem regarding legislative efforts to alter the Corps of Engineers' management of the Missouri River system. I appreciate learning your thoughts about this important issue and apologize for the delay in responding to you. I share your opposition to legislation that would remove "fish and wildlife" from the authorized purposes of Missouri River management.

As you know, Representative Sam Graves (R-MO) introduced legislation (H.R. 1460) that would require Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers to delete fish and wildlife as an authorized purpose of the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System in the Master Manual and any related regulations. This bill has been referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the House of Representatives, and I am not aware of any similar legislative effort in the Senate. Should this legislation advance, please be assured that I would strongly oppose this effort.

Thank you again for contacting me and please keep in touch!

Sincerely,



Tim Johnson

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